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SUBJ: AHIDJO CALLS FOR INDEXATION OF RAW MATERIALS PRICES

PRESIDENT AHIDJO SAID IN INTERVIEW CARRIED IN FEBRUARY 7-8 EDITION OF "CAMEROON TRIBUNE" THAT CAMEROON FAVORS TRYING PRICES OF BASIC COMMODITIES WHICH IT EXPORTS TO THE PRICES OF PRODUCTS IMPROVEMENT THROUGH INDEXATION. IN THE INTERVIEW,

GIVEN IN CONTEXT OF IMPORTANCE ONINTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AHIDJO CALLS FOR FOUR MAJOR CHANGES IN THE STATUS QUO TO ACHIEVE THE "NEW INTERNATIONALECONOMIC COOPEATION".

BESIDES INDEXATION, THEY ARE A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR, AN INCREASED FLOW OF CAPITAL TO THE THIRD WORLD ON BETTER TERMS, AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO SOME OFAFRICA'S SPECIAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS DROUGHT AND INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCHERE:

AHIDJO ALSO FAVORS INSTALATION OF A SYSTEM OF "STOCKPILING AND REGULATING

A WIDE RANGE OF BASIC COMMODITIES AND THE CREATION OF A COMMON FUND TO FINANCE IT," AND SEES A ROLE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: "IT IS

POBIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF JOINT ENTERPRISES, TO
WHICH ONE SIDE CONTRIBUTES THE NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES,
AND THE OTHER CAPITAL,THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL NETWORK".' WKKT
E OF INTERVIEW IS MODERATE, WITH APHGN ENTHUSIASTIC THAT
HE DOES NOT WIS EJD H PROVOKE A SUDDEN RUPTURE NOR DISORGANIZE
THE SOCIAL EQUILIBRIUM IN THE DEVELOPED SOCIETIES. THE TRANSFER
OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES TO OUR COUNTRY SHOULD TAKE
PLACE HARMONIOUSLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EVERYONE'S INTERESTS."
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